



**Howmet Castings of Hampton Donates Three Yorktown Snowflower  
Trees To Watermen's Museum As Part of York County  
Contribution To Jamestown 2007 Commemoration**

**Yorktown, Jan. 23** – The Watermen's Museum in Historic Yorktown now has three new Yorktown Snowflower Trees, thanks to a donation by Howmet Castings, a Hampton-based division of Alcoa Industries that decided to become involved in the Jamestown 2007 "America's Anniversary Garden" program. A chance meeting between Howmet's Nikki Jacobellis, the firm's Environmental Compliance Engineer, and Watermen's Museum Director Judy Hark, a member of the York County 2007 Planning Committee, prompted Howmet's donation of the Snowflower trees. The species was officially named York County's signature Jamestown 2007 tree before being adopted as the official tree of the commemoration.

"The museum needed the trees; I was glad to make the donation as part of Alcoa's 'Ten Million Trees' program, and the Snowflower tree was the perfect choice, since it is now the official tree of the Jamestown 2007 Commemoration for the Historic Triangle," Jacobellis said.

As an officially recognized Pilot Community in the Jamestown 2007 Commemoration, York County will participate in numerous activities such as the tree planting that will help commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Jamestown.

Alcoa's "Ten Million Trees" program, launched in June, 2003, is a tree-planting effort that counts and recognizes the trees personally planted by Alcoa employees worldwide. These trees are planted in addition to those used in revegetation programs that Alcoa routinely undertakes as part of its mine rehabilitation programs. Ten Million Trees is open to all employees, contractors, suppliers, and their families so that 10 million new trees, which can absorb more than 250,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year during their lifetime, can be in place by 2020.

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## **Snowflower Trees Donated**

Howmet Castings serves the aerospace and industrial markets with precision investment castings of superalloy, titanium and aluminum alloys. It is the premier manufacturer of components for the jet aircraft, gas turbine and other advanced-technology industries, and a major supplier of raw materials and equipment to the investment casting industry.

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### **PHOTO CAPTIONS:**

#### **Tree Planting:**



York County Master Gardeners assist in the planting of one of three Yorktown Snowflower Trees at the Watermen's Museum in Historic Yorktown village.



From left: Judy Hark, director of the Watermen's Museum and member of the York County 2007 Planning Committee; Diane Short, York County Master Gardeners; Nikki Jacobellis, environmental compliance engineer with Howmet Castings.